

Sisters' S. C. E.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I report the following money received on pledges for the benefit of the Theological department of Ashland University.

Mrs. Kilhefner, Ashland, O.,	\$1.00
Mrs. L. Myers, " "	1.00
Rev. J. A. Miller, " "	1.00
Fair Haven S. S. C. E. Pleasant Home, O.,	1.00
Ida Zion, Zanesville, Ind.,	1.00
M. H. Gaskill, " "	1.00
Della " " "	1.00
Geo. W. Smutz, " "	1.00
J. W. Roe, " "	1.00
Mrs. John Ullery, South Bend, Ind.	1.00
Mrs. Hattie Frame, " " "	1.00
Wm. Smith, Gravelton, " "	1.00
N. C. Nielson, Herrington, Kan.,	1.00
Mrs. Sophia Keim, Louisville, O.,	1.00

Letters have been sent to all those upon whose pledge the second payment is due. We trust all will respond as early as possible. We would like to make all collections by Conference. We are trying to keep all accounts as straight as possible. If mistakes occur, write me and I will correct them. The pledges were not all originally in my hands. Some of those handed over to me are not endorsed with any payment. Upon those we have asked for two payments, but if the first payment was made when the pledge was given, and no credit was given on the back of the pledge, you need send only the second payment, and write me that the first had been made, and I will give you credit for both.

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

LITTLE OFFICES.

Life itself is a big thing, but it is full of little things. That which most frequently happens is the small matter. The boon that is most generally granted is the trifling benefit. Accordingly, he who despises the day of small things is ignorant of the very theory on which life is constructed.

This principle holds good in the sphere of kind offices. The favor that is generally accorded is the trifling one. Big benefits are made up of little kindnesses. The most of people who befriend us serve us in small ways, and what we do for others is ordinarily that thing of which we say: "Don't mention it!"

But while "little kindnesses" are in themselves insignificant they may have in many cases very large results. There is sometimes an opportuneness in a kind word or deed which makes it prove of inestimable value to the recipient. Like water which falls on parched ground or as

bread to the starving come at times the chance messages of loving interest which this or that kind-hearted human angel conveys to a discouraged fellow mortal.

The art of kindness, then, deserves to be more generally and intelligently cultivated. Life must have its gracious incidents or it will be unbearable. Boorish Christians make it harder for other people to be Christians, since there is an unconquerable impression existing in the minds of men that if grace cannot civilize the manners much less can it avail for the renewing of the heart. And yet some people who come near to Christ, in a local sense at least, as did Simon the Pharisee, seem like Simon to remain essentially ill-mannered, forgetful of the amenities of life, and little disposed to exert themselves for the comfort of others.

Still it is the aim of Christ to tame the rude spirits and civilize the manners of all who approach him. He it is who makes people truly genial and kindly. And his truth can be taught by benevolence as well as by book. Smiles as well as sermons preach; the benignities and charities of life may serve as very practical and forcible evidences of Christianity. To be a Christian is more than simply to be kind; but on more than one account a kind Christian is the kind of Christian to be.—Sel.

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN.

Many people have been distressed by the unpardonable sin, and they have suffered agony in consequence. Their distress is needless; it is a proof that they have not committed the sin. The following incident shows how many act and feel when the Holy Spirit does really leave them to themselves. It occurred at a revival meeting: One of the Christians present noticed a man sitting in stolid indifference, and he went to him and urged him to give his heart to God. He replied, "It is useless; God would not pardon me." "Why?" "I do not wish it, for one thing." The terrors of dying unrepented were explained to him; but he said, "Yes, I know it all, and I wonder I am so insensible; but I simply don't care." All effort to arouse him to a sense of his danger was futile. The man sighed as he said, "I wish I had the desire for salvation, and I came here hoping it would be expressed; but I have none." The minister who talked with him afterward learned that the man had once professed in a revival to be converted, and had fallen away. He had set the seal to his doom by ridiculing conversion in worldly company. He had been in the habit of declaring that he had "tested the so-called influence of the Holy Spirit, and had found it a fraud." "I believe," said the minister who tells the story, "that God punished him by leaving him alone. He could not repent, because God would not give him power to do so."

King's Children.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Now that our National Convention is near at hand, we think a few words to all our workers, will be in place. First, there are some of the local churches that have variously organized young people's societies, that are doing good work that we never hear from in our general Conference. And there are many different organizations of young people, K. C., Y. P. S. C. E., K. C. of C. E., and then brother I. D. Bowman has several auxiliaries, in his church, the names of which I have not learned. *Now we wish that all of these societies and any others that may be, should be represented in the King's Children session of the Convention.* Because we did not place you on the program, do not think that we are indifferent to your work. We want you to come, our work is all one and the same. Our program is short, but it is so constructed, that it can be, and is intended to be, expanded. So if you can bring something to the Convention with you that will strengthen the work, we will make room on the program for you. If you have something to say to us that will encourage the work, we will see that you have a chance to say it. It is our *great desire* that the Convention be *wide open and free*, and that all *important* matters be *freely* discussed, that all may have the benefit of the experience of others.

We wish especially that the missionary work receive due attention, that something very practical along that line be done, that will *bear fruit at once*.

Now, let us urge you that your societies *all of every kind and of whatever name, send delegates, and give them credentials, showing that they are delegates.*

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MASS MEETING.

You will notice that the National Executive committee, has given us Sunday afternoon of the Convention. Now we desire to improve it to the best possible advantage. It has been suggested that we have a big rally of the young peoples societies.

1st. At 1:30 P. M., say we have a rally of the Juniors, conducted by the leader of the Junior Society of Warsaw. And after that let us have a rousing, soul-stirring rally of the Seniors. Let the whole afternoon be made a spiritual feast. Brother Yoder will suggest any special provisions that he may make for the Junior rally, and the leader will be announced next week.

WHY WE HAVE BEEN SO STILL.

Some of you may wonder why we have been so still, and have not written more